



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 294

LCO No. 2142



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

***AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF
FAMILY VIOLENCE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "landlord", "tenant", "dwelling unit", "rent" and "rental agreement" have
3 the same meanings as provided in section 47a-1 of the general statutes
4 and "family violence" has the same meaning as provided in section 46b-
5 38a of the general statutes.
- 6 (b) No landlord shall (1) maintain an action or proceeding against a
7 tenant to recover possession of a dwelling unit under chapter 832 of the
8 general statutes, (2) demand an increase in rent from a tenant, (3) refuse
9 to renew a rental agreement with a tenant, (4) decrease any services from
10 the landlord regarding the dwelling unit to which a tenant is entitled, or
11 (5) otherwise discriminate against a tenant, solely because such tenant
12 is, or has been, a victim of family violence. In addition to the provisions
13 of this subsection, no landlord shall deem that a tenant has violated the
14 rental agreement if such violation is a result of family violence
15 committed against the tenant.

16 (c) For purposes of this section, any tenant's status as a victim of
17 family violence may be shown by medical, court or police records
18 documenting such violence, by a statement from a domestic violence
19 counselor as defined in section 52-146k of the general statutes
20 documenting such violence or by a statement from a licensed medical
21 professional from whom the tenant has sought services documenting
22 such violence.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2022	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit a landlord from taking certain adverse actions against a tenant based on such tenant's family violence victim status.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]